who have been provided 'Z' category security; and

(b) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SYED SIBTE RAZI): (a) and (b) Security is being provided based on threat perception. It is not desirable to give names of the protected persons in the interest of their security.

Project work under Contract Labour System

693. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state: (a) whether project work is still being undertaken under Contract Labour System in the corporate offices under his Ministry in various States;

(b) the details of those states where works are being executed through contractors;

(c) the states where Contract Labour System has since been abolished; and

(d) what are the other details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) The abolition of Contract Labour System under the Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1970 is envisaged on the basis of occupations in individual establishments and not in geographical units.

मध्य प्रदेश में ताज ट्रेपोजियम लगाए जाना

694. **श्री अजीत जोगी:** क्या पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या मध्य प्रदेश में ताज ट्रेपोजियम और दून घाटी में डीजल जेनरेटिंग सेट लगाए जाने पर प्रतिबंध लगा हुआ है;

(ख) क्या ये सेट डीजल चालित वाहनों की तुलना में पर्यावरणीय दृष्टिकोण से कम अहितकर हैं; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो जब इन क्षेत्रों में डीजल चालित वाहनों के चलने पर प्रतिबंध नहीं है तो इन सेटों पर प्रतिबंध लगाने के क्या कारण हैं?

पर्यावरणीय और वन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री राजेश पायलट): (क) केन्द्रीय प्रदूषण नियंत्रण बोर्ड ने ताज समलंब में औद्योगिक उपयोग हेतु डीजल जनित्र सेट का उपयोग न करने के लिए उत्तर प्रदेश प्रदूषण नियंत्रण बोर्ड को कहा है। इन सेटों का उपयोग दून घाटी के उद्योगों में भी नहीं किया जाता है। ताज समलंब में उत्तर प्रदेश के भाग आते हैं और मध्य प्रदेश का कोई भाग इसमें नहीं आता है।

(ख) और (ग) डीजल से चलने वाले वाहनों की संचालन क्रियाविधि डीजल जनित्र सेटों से भिन्न होती है। साथ ही डीजल जनित्र सेटों से होने वाला प्रदूषण स्थायी स्रोत जैसे होते हैं जबकि डीजल से चलने वाले वाहनों प्रदूषण के स्रोत अस्थायी होते हैं। अत: इन दोनों प्रणालियों से होने वाला प्रदूषण एक समान नहीं होता है।

Vacant post in the AGMU Cadre

695. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of Home AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts in the rank of DIG/IG in the AGMU Cadre which are lying vacant in each State and since when;

(b) what are the reasons of non-filling up of these posts; and

(c) by when these are likely to be filled up;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (PROF. M. KAMSON): (a) to (c) All the posts in the level of DIG/IG in AGMU Cadre except the post of IG, Mizoram are filled up as on date. The post of IGP, Mizoram became vacant with effect from 13.1.1996. The post is likely to be filled up by 1.5.1996.

Steps to maintain peace along Indo-China border

696. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state: (a) whether Governmet are taking steps to maintain peace and tranquility along the Indo-China border; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by both the countries (India and China) in that direction in recent months?

THE MINISTER OF EXTENAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Agreement on the Maintenance of Peace and Tranquility along the Line of Actual Control in the India-China Border Areas was signed on 7th September, 1993, during the Prime Minister's visit to China. In pursuance of the Agreement, an India-China Expert Group was formed to assist the India-China Joint Working Group. The Eighth Session of India-China Joint Working Group on the boundary question was held in New Delhi, from August 18—20, 1995. The Fourth Session on the India-China Expert Group was held in Beijing, from February 7—9, 1996. The two sides discussed border-related issues, including additional confidence building measures, clarification of the line of actual control (LAC) between India and China and force reductions along the LAC.

Commission/service charges by Modern Food Industries Ltd.

697. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether M/s Modern Food Industries Limited have passed on commission/service charges to private dealers against supplies of their products made to State Government especially the U.P. Government; and

(b) if so, the amounts and the names of the parties during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Automatic Mail Processing Centre in the Country

698. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY:
SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Automatic Mail Processing Centres as at present in the country;

(b) the names of places where these Centres have been opened;

(c) whether Government are considering to set up such Centres in any other part of the country during the current year; and

(d) if so, the names of places identified for opening these Centres and the period by which the work is likely to start?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Two.

(b) Automatic Mail Processing Centres have been set up at Bombay and Madras.

(c) and (d) While Delhi, Calcutta and Bangalore have been indentified for opening such centres, the automatic mail processing centre at Meenambakam Air Port, Madras was dedicated to the Nation during the current year in Jan. 1996. No other automatic mail processing centre is being set up during the current year.

Consumption and Production of Gas in the Country

699. SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the consumption of LPG at present, State-wise;

(b) the number of LPG agencies at present, State-wise;

(c) the details of the consumption and production of the LPG during each of the last two years; and

(d) the steps being taken to bridge the gap between consumption and production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETORLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) The requisite information is given in the statement enclosed.

(c) The details of the consumption and production of LPG during each of the last two years (1993-94 and 1994-95) are as under: